and availability of funds. Under the various schemes, the Department of Tourism has provided funds to the Government of Rajasthan for conservation and development of monuments at the following places:—

(1) Tourist Reception Centre at Jaisalmer.
(2) Floodlighting of Chittorgarh.
(3) Conservation of Jaisalmer Fort
(4) Sound & Light Show at Moti Magri, Udaipur.
(5) Flood Lighting of Jaisalmer Fort.
(6) Conservation work at Osian Tamples.
(7) Cafetaria at Osian.
(8) Refurnishment of Rani Ka Mahal Jaisalmer.

कानपुर का पर्यटक अभिरुचि वाले स्थल के रूप में विकास

3336. **श्री नरेन्द्र मोहनः** क्या पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने कानपुर जो 1857 के प्रथम स्वतंत्रता संग्राम के दौरान प्रमुख युद्धस्थल था और जहां कुछ प्राचीन मंदिर स्थित है, के विकास के लिए कोई योजना बनायी है और क्या निकट भविष्य में सरकार इस संबंध में कोई योजना बनाने का विचार रखती है; और

(ख) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार कानपुर शहर को पर्यटक अभिरूचि के स्थल के रूप में विकसित करने के लिए कुछ सहायता प्रदान करने का विचार रखती है?

संसदीय कार्य और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री श्रीकान्त कुमार जेना): (क) और (ख) पर्यटक स्थलों की पहचान करना और विकास करना एक सतत् प्रक्रिया है तथा मुख्यतः राज्य सरकार की जिम्मेदारी है। पर्यटन विभाग, भारत सरकार, राज्य/संघ राज्य सरकारों को, उनसे प्राप्त विशिष्ट परियोजना प्रस्तावों पर आधारित उनके गुण-दोषों, पारस्परिक प्राथमिकता और धन की उपलब्धता के आधार पर वित्तीय सहायता प्रदान करता है। पर्यटन विभाग ने कानपुर जिले में मार्गस्थ सुख-सुविधाओं के लिए 19.86 लाख रुपए स्वीकृत किए हैं।

Involvement of Private Sector in development of Tourism infrastructure in Gujarat

3337. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to involve private sector in the development of tourism infrastructure in Gujarat: and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) and (b) The Government of Gujarat has commenced a Tax Holiday Incentive Scheme to encourage private investors to set-up tourism projects in the State. Government waste land would also be made available to investors wherever possible. The tax benefits include taxes viz. sales tax, turnover tax, electricity duty, luxury tax and entertainment tax, which is applicable to identified tourism projects at the designated areas and on highways.

Position of India in World Tourism

3338. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) Whether there is any plan under Government's consideration which attract foreign tourists to visit India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether position of India in world tourism is decreasing day by day since 1984;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken by Government in this regard; and

(e) the target fixed for the current year?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA KUMAR JENA): (a) and (b) The promotion of India as a tourist

destination in the overseas market is a continuous process. Marketing strategies for each tourist generating market are drawn out annually and implemented accordingly.

(c) and (d) With the exception of some marginal variations the percentage of foreign tourist arrivals to India as compared with world tourist arrivals, has shown an upward trend in the market share from 1993 onwards.

(e) The target set for the year 1997 is 2.98 million foreign Tourist arrivals.

12.00 NOON

I. Memoranda of understanding between Government of India (Ministry of Commerce) and Export Credit Guarantee Corporations of India Limited, State Trading Corporation of India Limited and Projects and Equipment Corporation of India Limited for the year 1997-98.

II. Memorandum of understanding between Government of India (Ministry of Commerce) and MMTC Limited for the year 1996-97 and related papers.

The Deputy Chairman in The Chair

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULI RAMAIAH): Madam, I lay on the Table, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

I. (i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Commerce) and Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India Limited, for the year 1997-98.
[Placed in Library. *See No. LT* 1945/97]

(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Commerce) and the State Trading Corporaiton of India Limited, for the year 1997-98.
[Placed in Library. *See No. LT* 1944/97]

(iii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Commerce) and the Projects and Equipment Corporation of India Limited, for the year 1997-98.
[Placed in Library. *See No. LT* 1943/97]

II. (a) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Commerce) and MMTC Limited, for the year 1996-97.

(b) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers menitoned at (a) above.
[Placed in Library. *See No. LT* 1946/97]

I. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Population Research Centre, Shimla and Related Papers.

II. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the New Delhi Tuberculosis Centre and Related Papers.

III. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Pharmacy Council of India, New Delhi and Related Papers.

IV. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the Central Council of Indian Medicine and Related Papers.

V. Report and accounts (1995-96) of the Central Council for Research in Aurveda and Siddha New Delhi and Related Papers.

VI. Report and Accounts (1995-96) of the National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur and Related Papers.